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1. It was to arise among the ten divisions of the Roman Empire. Dan 7:8.
2. It would destroy three of the ten kingdoms. Dan 7:8. The Roman power destroyed the Heruli in A.D. 493, the Vandals in A.D. 534, and defeated the Ostrogoths in A.D. 538. The other seven are still in existence today - Germany, England, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy and Switzerland.
3. It would speak great words against the Most High. Dan 7:25; Rev 13:6. "The Pope is of so great dignity and so exalted that he is not a mere man, but as it were God and the vicar of God." - P.F.L. Ferraris, Ecclesiastical Dictionary, art. On The Pope.
4. It would wear out the saints. Dan 7:25; Rev 13:7. "That the Church of Rome has shed more innocent blood than any other institution that has ever existed among mankind, will be questioned by no Protestant who has a competent knowledge of history..." - William Edward Harpole Lecky, History of the Rise and Influence of the Spirit of Rationalism in Europe, vol.2 (London: Longmans, Green and Company, 1904. p. 32)
5. It would attempt to change times and divine law. Dan 7:25. The Ten Commandments were written with the finger of God in stone, yet, the Catholic Church claims the authority to delete the second (graven images) and split the last to come up with Ten. It, also, "changed" the fourth - changing the day of worship from the seventh day Sabbath (instituted at Creation) to the first day of the week (at the Council of Laodicea, 364 A.D.)
7. It would exercise power over all kindreds, tongues and nations. Rev 13:7. The nations of the world send ambassadors to this Roman church/state.
8. The Dragon would give his power, seat and great authority to this beast. Rev 13:2. The Caesars of the Roman Empire gave their power, seat and authority to the Bishop of Rome.
9. It was to continue in world domination for 1260 years. Rev 13:5; Dan 7:25. 42 months x 30 days to the Biblical month = 1260 days or years. Ezek 4:6. After defeating the Ostrogoths in A.D. 538, she rose to power and reigned until 1798 A.D.
10. It would receive a mortal wound. Rev 13:3. On February 10, 1798, Napoleon's general Berthier entered Rome and took Pope Pius VI captive. Napoleon decreed that at the death of the Pope (August 1799) the Papacy would be discontinued. "Half Europe thought...that without the Pope the Papacy was dead."
11. It would amaze the whole world for its deadly wound would be healed." Rev 13:3. In August, 1929, in a letter written by the Pope in Current History magazine, the Pope said, "...Efforts have been made to heal the wound." - p. 847.

From the very beginning of Mussolini's dictatorship, both the church and state determined to settle the Roman question. On February 11, 1929, a concordat was signed restoring the place of the Papacy, thus healing the wound. (The S.F. Chronicle newspaper printed an article and referred to this act as healing the wound.)

The Pre and Post Reformers studied Daniel and Revelation and pointed to the office of the Papacy as The Antichrist and The Son of Perdition. These included, Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Wyclif, Tyndale, King James, Knox, Melancthon and Zwingle.